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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Official Action of the Examiner mailed June 9, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 9, 2008. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to October 9, 2007. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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